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Mr. John R. Blandford Chief Counsel Armed Services Committee House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blandford:

Although present only on the initial presentation of our early retirement legislation. I followed closely its progress through the hearings in Mr. Rivers' Subcommittee and through the subsequent actions in the Senate and the House. I am, therefore, well aware of the great amount of work you put into the process of this legislation and of the sound and practical advice you gave in connection with it. I feel that this was a very important contribution to the enactment of this legislation, and I am most grateful for the great and able effort you put into it.

Sincerely,

(Signed), JOHN A., Marcha

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